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Spratt To Honor D-Day Veterans

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) announced today that ceremonies will continue on Saturday in recognition of veterans from the Fifth Congressional District who participated in the Battle of Normandy (D-Day). The veterans will be presented the "Jubilee of Liberty Medal."

The "Jubilee of Liberty Medal" was first awarded in 1994 to American servicemen for their participation in the Battle of Normandy. The medals were minted at the request of the Regional Council of Normandy and presented to veterans attending the 50th anniversary of the D-Day landing on June 6, 1944.

Spratt is recognizing those veterans from the Fifth District who were unable to attend the 1994 observance. Eligible veterans include those who served in Normandy from June 6, 1944 to August 31, 1944 in ground forces, offshore supporting personnel, or flying cover overhead.

Here is the schedule for the upcoming ceremonies. They were organized by local citizens, including veterans organizations.

Saturday, November 8th – Lancaster 11:00 AM American Legion Post 31 823 Kershaw Camden Highway

Saturday, November 8th – Gaffney

11:00 AM VFW Post 820 South Granard Street (District Director Robert Hopkins will conduct ceremony for Rep. Spratt)

Monday, November 10th – Rock Hill 10:45 AM Northwestern High School 2503 West Main Street **Tuesday, November 11th – Hartsville** 9:00 AM Burry Memorial Park Cargill Place off 5th Street

Tuesday, November 11th – Sumter 11:00 AM Courthouse 141 North Main Street

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